

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 1, 2003

FROM: RUDY LOPEZ, Director
Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)

**SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR CHILDREN'S INTENSIVE, CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL, AND
EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT
SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Contract with Pacific Clinics for Children's Intensive Services in the amount of \$525,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
2. Approve Contracts for Children's Residential Services totaling \$2,052,647 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with the following providers:

Contract #	Provider	Amount
	East Valley Charlee, Inc.	\$352,647
	Shandin Hills Adolescent Center (SHAC), Inc.	\$1,700,000
TOTAL		\$2,052,647

3. Terminate County Contract #03-0094 (approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2003) with Victor Community Support for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Services effective June 30, 2003.
4. Approve Contract #04- with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. for Children's Residential Services, Children's Intensive Services, and EPSDT Services in the amount of \$3,091,072 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to continue to provide Children's Intensive Services (CIS), Children's Residential Services (CRS), and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services in FY 03/04.

DBH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of the County. Each provider has a specific responsibility and role within the County's treatment delivery system. Assembly Bill (AB) 3632 and accompanying regulations were developed by the California State Legislature in 1985 to maximize and coordinate services to handicapped children in the State of California with no out-of-pocket costs to parents. The regulations applying to mental health were implemented in July 1986. Subsequent revisions to this legislation were implemented under AB 2726.

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The target population for CIS is seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents. The goal of the CIS program is to provide intervention to children discharged from acute psychiatric hospitals. Priority is given to SED minors who are at risk of needing higher levels of care within DBH's continuum of care system and to those with AB 3632 status. The AB 3632 Program is designed to provide services for students who do not benefit from traditional educational programs due to emotional disturbance. The Local Education Agency (LEA) refers these special education students to the mental health staff for treatment recommendations.

CRS programs offer a group home environment specifically designed for children with residential mental health service needs at varying levels of intensity and structure. The providers listed above are state licensed group homes with special designations. Delivery of these services must be performed by state licensed group homes.

EPSDT services are provided for full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiary recipients, ages 0 to 21, and are part of a federally mandated program that was initiated July 1, 1995. The intent of the EPSDT program is to extend Medi-Cal coverage to children and youth to ascertain physical and mental disorders and to provide treatment.

All of the Contractors listed above are current service providers, have met all goals and required performance standards, and are in compliance with the terms of their current agreements. The most recent Request for Proposal (RFP) for EPSDT services was conducted in FY 00/01. The most recent RFP for CIS was conducted in FY 97/98. The most recent RFP for CRS was conducted in FY 94/95. In accordance with DBH's Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, all of the services represented in this item will be procured through the RFP process during FY 03/04. An RFP for these services was not performed in FY 02/03 due to uncertainties in the DBH budget for Children's Services earlier in the year and delayed expansion of several key Children's Residential Services contracts that highly influenced planning and decision making for these programs overall. Funding for these services have been included in DBH's proposed FY 03/04 budget. In FY 02/03, the Children's Residential Services system was undergoing significant changes related to these contract services and the impacts of these changes on the contracted services listed above was uncertain.

Recommendations 3 and 4 request termination of a contract with Victor Community Support and approval of a contract with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. The two entities are actually one company with two business licenses. Services are being consolidated into one contract at the contractor's request.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: These contracts were reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Deputy County, Counsel Charles J. Larkin) on June 16, 2003. This item was reviewed by the County Administrative Office, (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will provide Children's Services to County residents in the total amount of \$5,668,719 for FY 03/04. Funding for these contracts is included in the Department's Proposed FY 03/04 Budget and consists of Medi-Cal FFP (36% of total value of contracts), State General Fund (13%), and Realignment (51%). There is no local cost to the County.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will provide mandated services while imposing no local cost.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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